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Date 3/23/93

TO : SAC, WMFO
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58C-WF-180673) (P)
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
 OO:WMFO

Re: WMFO airtels to Chicago dated 2/26/93, 3/2/93, and 3/8/93, WMFO teletype to Chicago dated 2/23/93, and Chicago airtel to WMFO dated 3/4/93.

Enclosed for WMFO are the following:

1) The original and one copy each of FD-302 interviews of the following individuals:

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2) Fourteen 1A Envelopes containing the original notes of the above interviews, including a handwriting exemplar from [Redacted] taken 2/26/93, and photographs of DAN ROSTENKOWSKI's 1991 Ford Taurus, VIN # 1FACP5849MG203789, taken at WIL-SHORE MOTOR SALES, Wilmette, Illinois, on 3/3/93.

3) The original and one copy of an FD-302, including an attached photo log, documenting the photographs taken at WIL-SHORE MOTORS.

4) The original and one copy each of FGJ subpoenas served on [Redacted] and [Redacted]

②-WMFO (Enc. 121)
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5) The original and one copy each of FD-302's documenting the service of the Federal Grand Jury (FGJ) subpoenas mentioned above including those served on [redacted]

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6) Seven Chicago newspaper and/or magazine articles regarding DAN ROSTENKOWSKI dated March 10 through March 21, 1993.

and 7) Two copies each of 31 color photographs of ROSTENKOWSKI's office and storage area at 1347-49 N. Noble Chicago, Illinois. *one set provided to public* [redacted] *3/25/93. RL*

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It should be noted that the original FGJ subpoenas served on [redacted] were provided to WMFO as enclosures in referenced Chicago airtel.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will complete all leads set out in referenced WMFO airtel dated 3/8/93.

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RE WMFO TELCALL OF 3/29/93 FROM SSA [REDACTED] TO SSA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, ON 3/29/93, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] ON 3/31/93, THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA ACCEPTED [REDACTED]

AS A RESULT, [REDACTED] TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL, 1993 WILL NOT
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ALSO ON 3/29/93, [REDACTED] IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY

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[REDACTED] ALSO PROVIDED OTHER INFORMATION, [REDACTED]
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ADDITIONALLY, ON 3/30/93, [REDACTED]
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Former Hill Aide Pleads Guilty in House Post Office Scandal

Associated Press

A onetime top aide to former representative Joe Kolter (D-Pa.) pleaded guilty yesterday to reduced charges of obstructing justice and distributing cocaine in the House Post Office scandal.

Prosecutors agreed in a plea bargain to dismiss 19 other charges against Gerald W. Weaver II later, in exchange for Weaver's promise to testify before a grand jury and in future trials about "the embezzlement of

government funds, misappropriation of stamps and misuse of campaign funds."

For nearly two years, the panel has been investigating allegations that the House Post Office was used illegally to convert congressional expense vouchers into campaign funds or cash through transactions disguised as stamp purchases.

Last May, the grand jury subpoenaed expense vouchers dating from 1986 to April 1992 for Kolter and Reps. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) and Austin J. Murphy (D-

Pa.). The three have refused to testify and have denied any wrongdoing while accusing prosecutors of conducting a political witch hunt. None of the lawmakers has been indicted.

U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens, who says he will leave office on Friday, told reporters last week that he expected a "critical decision" within a month on whether his office would seek more indictments.

Weaver, 37, pleaded guilty to one count of obstructing justice, one count of distrib-

uting cocaine and one count of conspiring to distribute cocaine. He could be sentenced to up to 45 years in prison and fined as much as \$2.25 million at his sentencing June 28.

Under the plea agreement, Weaver admitted cashing \$2,800 in personal checks at the House Post Office while working as a private lobbyist after leaving Kolter's staff. Under the guise of buying stamps, he had the money to instead purchase cocaine from Wendell Magruder, then an employee of the facility.

United States District Court

for the DISTRICT OF Columbia

TO:



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SUBPOENA FOR:

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United States Courthouse
Third & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

COURTROOM

Grand Jury 91-3
Third Floor

DATE AND TIME

Thursday, April 22, 1993
at 9:00 a.m.

YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):*

Compliance can be made by providing the requested documents to AUSA Wysong by the date specified above.

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☐ Please see additional information on reverse.

This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are granted leave to depart by the court or by an officer acting on behalf of the court.

U.S. MAGISTRATE OR CLERK OF COURT

Nancy M. Miller-Whitman, Clerk
(BY) DEPUTY CLERK

DATE

March 31, 1993

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of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

Wendy L. Wysong, AUSA (202) 514-9832
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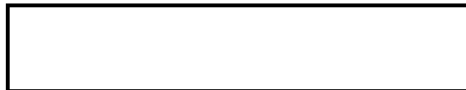
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Sincerely,

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By:



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9:00 a.m.

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3/31/93 from SA [redacted] to SA [redacted]
[redacted]

Enclosed for the Chicago Field Division are five Federal Grand Jury Subpoenas. Also enclosed are non-disclosure letters for each of these subpoenas and attachments for four of these subpoenas. One of these subpoenas, with its non-disclosure letter for the [redacted] with a production date of 4/8/93, was provided to Chicago by referenced facsimile transmission.

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Serve enclosed subpoenas on the [redacted]
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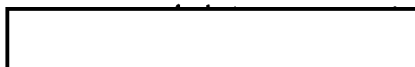
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Clinton Reciprocates Perot's Criticism

President Questions Why Texan Has Not Endorsed Economic Plan

By Ann Devroy
Washington Post Staff Writer

ANNAPOLIS, April 1—President Clinton yesterday rebuked Ross Perot for recent criticisms and questioned why Perot had not endorsed his economic plan when "it's almost identical to the one he ran on."

The comments came when the president was questioned at the American Society of Newspaper Editors gathering here about statements Perot made to the same group on Wednesday. The questioner said Perot had criticized Attorney General Janet Reno's call for the resignation of the nation's politically appointed U.S. attorneys, particularly when District of Columbia U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens was in the midst of a politically sensitive investigation. Perot also had repeated a story about a military officer who

said someone at the White House told him to leave quickly because she was uncomfortable with uniformed military personnel.

Clinton said the military story "like all those military stories . . . is an abject lie." Stories about discomfort by him or his staff with the military are "all made up out of whole cloth," he said, "and people who run them or people who talk about them from podiums ought to be ashamed of themselves without knowing they're true." (Army Lt. Gen. Barry R. McCaffery has said that a White House aide, during the first week of the Clinton administration, said she did not speak to members of the military.)

Clinton also said that Perot had attacked White House Chief of Staff Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty in congressional testimony as "not being a real business person" and then had to call to apologize. "I mean people can say anything from a podium," he said.

Clinton said he was "more interested" in "why my economic program, which is 85 percent what Ross Perot recommended in the campaign . . . hasn't been endorsed since it is almost identical to the one he ran on."

Clinton strongly defended his move to replace the currently Republican-appointed U.S. attorneys with his own choices.

The president argued replacement of Stephens had nothing to do with the grand jury investigation of House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.). "To say that some people were singled out is absurd," he said. "The real flip side is some of the people in the other party are saying why didn't we leave him [Stephens] in there all by himself because this is the most important case in America and no one else can pursue it. I just dispute that."

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Jay B. Stephens

U.S. Attorneys: A Disorderly

The Post's March 26 editorial flagrantly misrepresents my public statements regarding the unprecedented decision by the White House to eliminate immediately all presidentially appointed U.S. attorneys. In the rush to deflect the impression conveyed by the White House that it was injecting political considerations into the prosecutive decision-making process, the editorial reflected contempt for the facts and disregard for the historical record.

First, the facts. I repeatedly have acknowledged the prerogative of the president to appoint whom he chooses as U.S. attorney. Indeed, within hours of the attorney general's announcement conveying the White House demand for resignations, I publicly announced my intention to submit my resignation and my commitment to a smooth transition of the operations and management of this office. In response to a question regarding our ongoing corruption probe involving the U.S. House of Representatives Post Office and Rep. Dan Rostenkowski and the timing of the resignation demand, I noted that the Department of Justice was aware that we had expected to make a critical decision regarding the resolution of this investigation within 30 days when I was specifically advised that my resignation would be accepted within 10 days. Further, I expressed confidence in the experienced, career prosecutors conducting this

investigation under my leadership and sized that, in the long tradition of the Department of Justice, I hoped they would be able to complete this investigation in a manner without political interference.

Our investigation into allegations of corruption at the House Post Office, alleged financial fraud involving Mr. Rostenkowski,

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alleged efforts to obstruct that investigation have been both productive and expeditious. Ready to have charged, convicted and cooperated with six defendants, and defendant awaits trial on obstruction and drug-dealing charges. The past investigation has been expeditious, considering that additional allegations were faced during the course of the investigation that Mr. Rostenkowski has publicly refused to cooperate with the investigation and 2/52/54/58/272/77/1. He has exercised his Fifth Amendment right not to answer questions, but he is offering prices only for advertised merchandise at the events. The prosecutors working on this investigation have made remarkable progress in a relatively short time, considering they also have administrative responsibilities.

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Pruden on Politics

By Wesley Pruden



The uniform insult at the White House

* ANNAPOLIS

Bill Clinton had a perfectly good opportunity to polish his skills as the commander in chief yesterday, and he blew it.

He came to the Naval Academy on a balmy early spring day to speak to the nation's newspaper editors, and the storied campus, steeped in heroic military lore and seagoing tradition, was alive with Navy officers eager to help. Any one of them would have happily given the president much-needed tutoring in the art of returning a salute.

Mr. Clinton, who was after all the commander of the Arkansas National Guard (one of the nation's most decorated militias) for 12 years, instead complained of abuse at the hands of the nation's newspaper editors — editors who, like angels before the throne of Zion, compete to be the first to fall prostrate at the feet of the king.

Mr. Clinton, who had just completed a very nice speech about why the United States should help Russia, stepped up manfully to do what he hates most, to answer questions from people who are neither children nor television emcees.

He got the usual softballs thrown from editors, who nearly always ask the kind of questions that would get a reporter thrown off any self-respecting press bus.

"You in this country have taken some hits, some heavy hits, in the campaign and as president from a critical, probative, intrusive, at times abusive press," said an editor from Tennessee, no doubt pushed by his missus to coax an invitation to dinner at the White House. "I wonder if you could give us your feelings, perhaps words of philosophy, as to how you view the press' freedom, given its critical and at times abusive nature?"

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Mr. Clinton waxed philosophic for a few minutes, so philosophic that even the transcriber went to sleep, until he was interrupted by an editor from Kansas who demanded to know whether the president would condemn



Dan Rostenkowski

mass rape and child abuse in Bosnia. The president, trying hard not to go to sleep himself, said yes, he would. He did, too.

Next up was the only woman who got in a question, and she promptly did the work of all the men there: "Ross Perot spoke to us yesterday, and he said as he travels around the country, he finds his supporters asking him about and are upset about

two recent events in Washington. . . . One is the dismissal of Jay Stephens as district attorney [in Washington] as he was pursuing the Dan Rostenkowski case . . . and the other was the story about the general who was supposedly told at the White House that he should leave quickly because the White House staff was not comfortable with uniformed military personnel. Could you comment on both of those?"

The president's jaw tightened, as it always does when he sees a flash of khaki, and his eyes narrowed. But Mr. Clinton is never at a loss for lots of words, and his explanation was slick: Jay Stephens was not "dismissed," he was only "replaced," and besides, Ronald Reagan did the same thing when he succeeded Jimmy Carter. The Carter district attorney did not have an investigation pending against the congressman that Ronald Reagan was counting on to get his tax cuts through the House of Representatives, Mr. Clinton neglected to say, since that renders the comparison entirely specious.

And not only that, the story about White House contempt of the military uniform was an "abject lie" and the editors and reporters should be ashamed of themselves, trying to make Bill Clinton look bad. "... people at the Pentagon . . . have been disputing some of these specific stories, like the lieutenant general that was allegedly told by someone in my — on the White House staff — that she didn't speak to people in the military. Those kind of stories, they're all just made up out of whole cloth."

Well, not quite. The lieutenant general, Barry R. McCaffrey, a combat veteran of the war Mr. Clinton dodged, confirmed last night that he was in fact snubbed by a female White House staffer who answered his polite "Good morning" with the calculated insult that the Kids R Us in the White House imagine is so cute: "I don't talk to the military."

America in the Gelded Age, to be continued.

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Rostenkowski probe haunts Clinton plans

By Michael Tackett
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WASHINGTON—Does U.S. Atty. Jay Stephens, after more than a year of examining dozens of witnesses and hundreds of pages of records, have the evidence to indict Rep. Dan Rostenkowski?

Stephens took a low-level drug case involving workers at the House Post Office and expanded it to a major inquiry that includes possible charges of fraud, theft and tax violations.

In the last few weeks, the case has taken on even greater significance because President Clinton is counting heavily on the veteran Illinois Democrat to steer his economic plan through the House Ways and Means Committee.

How important is Rostenkowski to Clinton? "Very important. Very important. Very important," said the normally reserved Budget Director Leon Panetta. Pausing for effect, he added: "Very important."

Rostenkowski is important because he maintains tight control over his tax-writing committee. As much as any committee chairman, Panetta said, Rostenkowski can deliver his members.

If indicted, Rostenkowski would be required by House Democrat rules to step down from his committee chairmanship until the matter is resolved. The Chicago congressman has conceded that the investigation has been a constant distraction, and colleagues on the committee say the inquiry weighs heavily on him.

Under normal circumstances, Clinton would be likely to replace Stephens, a Republican, rather quickly. But any decision the president makes will be read in a larger political context.

Jimmy Carter was sharply criticized in his first year for dismissing David Marston, a Republican U.S. attorney in Pennsylvania, after taking a phone call from a Democratic congressman whom Marston was investigating. Like Stephens, Marston had been accused by many Democrats of conducting politically motivated prosecutions.

During her confirmation hearings, Atty. Gen. Janet Reno was asked if she would attempt to find out the status of the Rostenkowski investigation for the White House. Reno insisted she would not.

But Reno or one of her senior deputies would be likely to take a role in approving an indictment, according to lawyers familiar with Justice Department procedures on such sensitive cases.

Although several details of the investigation have been reported, Stephens has said little about the case since Rostenkowski's lawyers accused him in court of leaking information to the media in violation of grand jury secrecy rules, a contention rejected by a federal judge.

The investigation has been unusually lengthy for what at first appeared to be a straightforward case. But it concentrates on one of the most subtle and difficult subjects for prosecutors to pin down: Whether public money was converted to personal use.

Financial records cases can be painstakingly slow, and even those critical of Stephens concede he would not rush to bring charges against such a high-profile figure.

Rostenkowski is responsible for some of the delay because he has fielded a large legal team for himself and many of the 20 current and former aides subpoenaed by the grand jury.

This much is known. Prosecutors have information that stamps from the House Post Office were exchanged for cash. What is not publicly known is where the money went. To charge Rostenkowski with a criminal offense, the money must be traced to his own pocket.

Prosecutors have requested records from the 32nd Ward organization in Chicago, Rostenkowski's congressional campaign committee, his congressional office account and other documents linked to his personal finances. They have called some two dozen of Rostenkowski's

current and former aides before the grand jury.

Some lawyers who have detailed knowledge of the case believe Stephens will seek an indictment. To them the issue is simply when.

At the same time, doubters abound. "It sounds like a fairly slim reed they have been on," said one well-known defense lawyer.

For every argument made about the case, there is a counterargument and each is plausible. But Rostenkowski finds his chairmanship and his national stature marred by the investigation.

"They have done a clean sweep on me," Rostenkowski, 65, said in a recent interview. "I may wind up

very well charged with not having any licenses for my dogs."

Asked if he denies any wrongdoing, Rostenkowski answered firmly: "Yes, that's what I have been saying all the time."

The investigation flows from allegations that Rostenkowski may have enriched himself by obtaining cash from the House Post Office under the guise of buying stamps.

From 1986 to 1992, Rostenkowski's office purchased more than \$68,000 in stamps, often in unusually large amounts considering that members of Congress can send their official mail with the so-called franking privilege.

In 1991 Rostenkowski's franked

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mail cost taxpayers \$167,000.

Rostenkowski said his office did not keep track of the volume of his mailings and has no lists or receipts to account for the large stamp expenditures. But he said that his committee generates an exceptional volume of mail because it has jurisdiction over issues such as taxes and Social Security.

Former postal employees have told investigators that stamp vouchers were exchanged for cash. So far, however, no evidence tracing where the money went has become public.

Rostenkowski said none of his personal financial records have been subpoenaed, but acknowledges that prosecutors could get them from financial institutions or the Internal Revenue Service without his knowledge.

Despite his consistent claims that members of Congress are underpaid, Rostenkowski, who has outlasted eight presidents and survived 18 elections, has assets worth at least \$2.2 million.

Such wealth is possible given his congressional salary, which now is \$133,600. But it would require frugal spending for his family of six, making near the maximum in allowable outside income for speeches when that was permitted and an exceptional return on investments.

Rostenkowski also draws political money, from five funds from the federal to the ward level. He maintains a state political action committee with the same name as his federal political action committee that corporations have used to circumvent federal contribution limits. Federal election law prohibits the use of a state fund to directly affect a federal election.

The grand jury reportedly is also looking into alleged improprieties in the way Rostenkowski handled lease payments on cars and office space in his Northwest Side district, but the congressman has said the payments didn't involve anything improper.



Tribune file photo

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski says of the investigation: "They have done a clean sweep on me."

Is There Life After Rostenkowski?

Daniel Rostenkowski so far has survived his tangle with the Washington, D.C., grand jury that's been probing his financial dealings. But all the negative publicity has had an effect on the veteran Democratic leader. At least half a dozen big-name pols from Rosty's Fifth Congressional District have begun a death watch of sorts, anticipating that the congressional seat he's held since 1959 soon might be open.

Among those currently talking to political backers, scheduling fundraisers, or otherwise displaying active interest in the Fifth District seat:

- State senator John Cullerton (D-6th), a 44-year-old lawyer from Chicago's Lake View neighborhood who already is using his many media contacts to spread word of his possible race. Cullerton says he'd "never" run against Rostenkowski, but quickly adds that the Fifth District would be "very interesting" in the event Rostenkowski quits in midterm or decides not to run for re-election next year. Cullerton has scheduled a fundraiser for April 26th that could launch a bid for either Congress or Cook County Board president. Cullerton likely would have help from lakefront Democratic committeeman Bernard Hansen (44th), as well as from the Northwest Side 38th Ward Democratic organizations that his relatives have run most of this century.

- Chicago alderman Eugene Schuler (47th), a former teacher who since 1975 has represented the Lake View area in the City Council. Schuler, too, will be holding a fundraiser, in May—and says he would be "interested" if Rostenkowski were out of the picture. Schuler, 45, argues that his City Hall work has given him "an edge" on such issues as economic development and tax policy. It also may help him with some City Hall insiders.

- Former Chicago alderman Dick Simpson (44th), an associate professor of political science at the



His Fifth District seat isn't even empty, much less cold, but Rosty wannabes are dreaming dreams.

in Proviso Township politics may not play well elsewhere in the district. Marinaro, 50, says Rostenkowski "needs more contact" with constituents—and adds that, "with the proper backing and support, [he] probably would be interested in running" against Rostenkowski.

- Freshman state representative Rod Blagojevich (D-33rd), a lawyer from the Logan Square

University of Illinois at Chicago. Simpson, 52, is an unabashed populist reformer who got 42 percent of the vote against Rostenkowski in the 1992 primary. For now, Simpson stops just short of declaring his candidacy, but makes it clear his dream is to be the only Rostenkowski foe in the 1994 primary. "He's lost so much credibility, I could beat him in a one-on-one race," Simpson says.

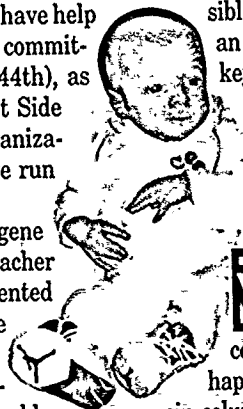
- Former state representative Gary Marinaro (D-Melrose Park), the Proviso Township Democratic committeeman. Marinaro, who heads family-counseling services for the Cook County Circuit Court, has begun quietly discussing a possible race with other party chiefs. As an Italian American, he comes from a key ethnic group, but his background

area. Blagojevich, 36, is the son-in-law of Democratic committeeman Richard Mell (33rd). He'd like to get a little more government experience under his belt before seeking higher office, but says he'd "be interested in taking a look" if Rostenkowski were out of the picture—and leaves the door open a crack even if Rostenkowski runs again.

- County commissioner Maria Pappas, a lawyer now in her first term on the Cook County Board. Pappas, 41, says it's "possible" she will run for either Congress or County Board president next year. Pappas would have to move into the district—she now lives in an apartment just to the east, in the Streeterville area—but confirms political gossip that she is looking for a house to buy.

Among other rumored candidates—though they all insist they're not now interested—are clerk of the circuit court Aurelia Pucinski (the daughter of former Northwest Side congressman Roman Pucinski), Chicago alderman Bill Banks (36th), and the alderman of Rostenkowski's own 32nd Ward, Terry Gabinski.

Of course, much of this maneuvering presumes that Rostenkowski will either be indicted and convicted, or decide to give up the political hassle and retire. Aides to the powerful Ways and Means Committee chairman dismiss both possibilities. "The boss may be a bit down now," says one. "But, six months from now, he's going to be having so much fun passing things for Bill Clinton that he'll get caught up and stay."



Media Darling

Who's really got clout with Chicago media? When PR exec Christine LaPaille recently gave birth to her second son, the happy event was a triple hit in local gossip columns, rating a mention from both the *Sun-Times's* Michael Sneed and Irv Kupcinet, plus a full paragraph in the *Tribune's* "Inc." The tot's name—Samuel Clinton LaPaille—was a catchy hook, given the recent prominence of another young fellow named Clinton. But it also may have helped that both mother Christine and father Gary, a state senator and state Democratic Party chairman, are among the better news sources in town.

Eat your hearts out, Di and Liz.

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No Politics in Rosty Probe, Says Prosecutor

By Michael Briggs

Washington Bureau / Chicago Sun-Times

WASHINGTON—U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens said politics will not affect a "very active investigation" of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.), the Ways and Means Committee chairman whose finances are under the scrutiny of the IRS and the FBI.

A Republican holdover, the federal prosecutor said the investigation of one of the most powerful Democrats on Capitol Hill "is being conducted by career prosecutors in this office."

Stephens added, "I would expect we would be permitted to pursue the investigation to its logical conclusion."

He pointed to testimony by Janet Reno last week to the Senate Judiciary Committee before her nomination to be attorney general was approved.

"At her confirmation hearing, the attorney general assured the Senate that there would be no political interference with this or any other investigation," Stephens said.

Reno told Sen. Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) at the hearing that she would not discuss the likelihood of a Rostenkowski indictment with anyone at the White House. "I keep politics out of what I do," Reno said.

Under normal Justice Department procedures, the attorney general would be alerted to a federal prosecutor's plans to ask a grand jury for an indictment of a prominent public official. Theoretically the attorney general could block an indictment.

There would be political risks for the Clinton administration, however, if the White House or Justice Department were perceived to have interfered with the investigation of a powerful Capitol Hill ally.

Although Stephens' term as U.S. Attorney expired last November, he remains in charge until a successor is chosen by the Clinton administration, a common practice in past transitions of power.

The last time political control of the White House switched hands in 1981, it took 18 months to replace the Democratic District of Columbia prosecutor. Four years earlier, it took about as long to replace a Republican holdover.

Stephens' associates consider it unlikely he'll stay for as long as another year, but they know of no imminent plans for him to step down. Stephens said, "I will continue to provide leadership for this office until such time as a successor is confirmed by the Senate."

Rostenkowski sympathizers recently have faulted Stephens for what they contend is an unfairly protracted investigation.

Roll Call, the Capitol Hill newspaper, editorialized Feb. 4 that Stephens should "make public any concrete evidence of wrongdoing and end the process of forcing one of the most talented men in Congress to dangle slowly in the wind."

The point has been echoed in newspaper columns, including one carried in the Sun-Times by Otis G. Pike, a former Democratic congressman from New York who served with Rostenkowski on the Ways and Means Committee.

Since the probe of the House

Post Office was launched in 1991, six former employees have been convicted of embezzlement and drug charges.

The investigation expanded May 6, when a grand jury subpoenaed congressional office ex-

pense records of Rostenkowski and two Pennsylvania congressmen. The probe apparently sought to determine if government vouchers or campaign checks were converted into cash through bogus transactions disguised as stamp

purchases.

Investigators in the Rostenkowski case also are looking into matters unrelated to the House Post Office. The grand jury as recently as March 8 subpoenaed from the House records of Rosten-

kowski vehicle leases, according to a report last Friday in The Washington Times.

The Sun-Times previously reported that Rostenkowski took ownership of three vehicles that were leased with taxpayer funds.

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The prosecutorial loose cannon aimed at Rostenkowski

WASHINGTON—Though all of the evidence is not in, and though the prudent observer will refrain from assuming guilt until guilt is proven, after almost a year of intensive investigation into the doings of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, it becomes increasingly apparent that an unscrupulous politician whose ambition is out of control holds a pivotal position in the U.S. government.

There is no doubt that the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rostenkowski's title since 1981, holds a pivotal position in the government. At this point, though, the chairman is not the one whose misdeeds are obvious. Jay Stephens is.

Stephens is the U.S. attorney for Washington, who

Jon Margolis

since last spring has been looking into whether Rostenkowski may have diverted some government postage stamp vouchers into cash for his own use.

On the face of it, the investigation was not without merit. There was some prodigious corruption going on in the House Post Office, and Rostenkowski's office used many more of the vouchers than did the typical representative.

But as crimes go, this one, if it is one, is not very complicated. If funds were in fact shifted about, they were not diverted through banks in far-off Araby, nor were they stashed in numbered accounts in some licentious Caribbean fiefdom. After all these months, a minimally competent investigation should have come up with enough evidence to charge someone were anyone chargeable.

Because no one has been charged, the reasonable citizen could reasonably conclude that no crime has been committed. But hold, said Stephens, just as quite a number of reasonable citizens were so concluding, there is more to this than postage stamps. The investigation, he (or "sources close" to him) said a few weeks ago, was "broadening," and investigators were seeking access to Rostenkowski's tax returns and bank accounts. So far as is known, at least, Stephens has not subpoenaed Rostenkowski's neighborhood videocassette shop to see what the congressman's favorite movies are.

At this point, the reasonable citizen could reasonably conclude that this guy is indictment-shopping, scrounging around for something, anything, that might constitute a crime. If Rostenkowski didn't steal stamps, why maybe he cheated on his taxes, or wrote a bad check or printed money in the basement.

It is possible that Stephens is not running a minimally competent investigation. He is, after all, most famous for his less-than-competent 1990 prosecution of Marion Barry, then Washington's mayor. Barry was convicted of only the most minor of the several charges Stephens brought against him after hiring one of the mayor's ex-girlfriends to lure him to a hotel room, there to offer him crack cocaine in view of a hidden video camera.

The tape, as it turned out, was less incriminating than exculpatory because it showed that Barry first

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The tape, as it turned out, was less incriminating than exculpatory because it showed that Barry first declined the drug, accepting some only after repeated invitations.

It is hard to arouse much sympathy for Barry, because he is an odious fellow. Still, he is a citizen, and less odious than the prosecutor who used sex as entrapment bait. There may be a few healthy males between the ages of 8 and 86 who can resist the suggestion to accompany a comely ex-lover to a private spot. But not many. And weakness of character is not a crime.

Not that Stephens is without talent. Then and now he displayed a real knack for self-promotion and self-aggrandizement, mostly by judicious use of selective disclosures to selected journalists. Well, to people who write for newspapers.

Among history's more amusing judicial decisions was the one last month dismissing Rostenkowski's claim that prosecutors have been leaking details of the current grand jury investigation. It is only necessary to be on friendly terms with a few newsmen here to conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that Rostenkowski's claim was absolutely correct. Compared to Stephens, a collander holds water.

Happily unindicted in a separate matter, Sen. Charles Robb (D-Va.) noted that a prosecutor can usually get a grand jury to "indict a ham sandwich." Yes, and on the basis of chicken salad, too. A prosecutor with lots of energy and no scruples to speak of can probe and subpoena and leak his own version of information about Robb or Rostenkowski, or you or me, forcing anyone to spend thousands of dollars on lawyers, suffer a damaged reputation and fear for the future. Such men are dangerous.

If Rostenkowski wanted money, he had both proper and improper alternatives to get far more than he would have by filching some stamp vouchers. That's no proof of his innocence. But no one should have to prove his innocence. And if Rostenkowski turns out to be the biggest crook in American history, he would still not be nearly as great a threat to liberty and decency as Jay Stephens already has proven himself to be.



CAPITAL LETTERS

THE SUN-TIMES WASHINGTON BUREAU TRACKS ILLINOISANS

By Michael Briggs and Basil Talbott

Can Rep. Dan Rostenkowski breathe easier about a federal grand jury investigation now that fellow Democrat Janet Reno is the attorney general? During her Senate confirmation hearings, Reno was asked if she would tell the White House if she found out the Chicago congressman was about to be indicted. "No," she said. "I keep politics out of what I do." Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) told Reno that he was curious because of the pivotal role that Rostenkowski, the House Ways and Means Committee chairman, will play in shepherding President Clinton's economic package through Congress—unless Rosty is indicted and forced to give up his chairmanship. "We need to know whether we have to have a Plan B in regard to getting the president's tax bills through the House Ways and Means Committee," Grassley said.

It's clear the Clinton administration is banking on Rostenkowski remaining at the committee helm. White House budget chief Leon Panetta was asked after testifying before Rosty's committee how important the chairman was to the success of Clinton's agenda. "Verrrrrry," Panetta said with emphasis. Mayor Daley voiced the same sentiment on his last lobbying trip here. "He's my right arm and my left arm," the mayor said of Rostenkowski.

Lobbyists aren't the bogeymen they have been made out to be, according to *The Hollow Core*, a book by two Northwestern University professors. "Washington is full of interest groups of every conceivable stripe who lobby for many different positions, and as a result politicians have a lot of room for choice on most issues," said law Professor John P. Heinz. "All the rhetoric about special interest groups is a way for politicians to avoid responsibility."

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun talked about some of her special interests with the president at a private meeting in the Oval Office. The half-hour session was winding up when she blurted out one last question: "Is it OK to kiss the president?" Clinton wasn't fazed. "YOU can," he told her. Did she take him up on the offer? "I sure did," she said.

Clinton's schmoozing also has wowed Rep. Cardiss Collins, who has made two trips to the White House. She says Clinton is far better at lining up support than Jimmy Carter was. Collins was part of a Congressional Black Caucus meeting with Clinton last week and was in a group called in for consultation before Clinton's speech to Congress on the economy last month. "He sat in a chair right with us; there was no separation. He listened to us for more than an hour and took a lot of notes," Collins said. "He knows everybody's name. He looks you in the eye and says, 'Cardiss.'" The Chicago Democrat added, "When we went in to see Carter, he sat up on a stage looking down at us and telling us we had to do what he said because it was right."



Cardiss Collins

Black Caucus efforts to persuade the Justice Department to challenge the jury selection process for a retrial of Rep. Harold Ford (D-Tenn.) on bank fraud charges were adamantly defended



Leon Panetta

Clinton Will Win Military Over: Aspin

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Les Aspin said Sunday that some in the U.S. armed forces have a "wait and see" attitude toward President Clinton, the military's commander in chief.

But Aspin said he expects the president, the first since World War II with no military experience, to win over service personnel within a couple of years.

"I think this is an eminently winnable constituency for Bill Clinton," Aspin said. "I think that in a couple of years you will see a really strong support for the president of the men and women in uniform."

Aspin made his comments in response to a report on the president's visit Friday to the aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt.

The Washington Post said an "undercurrent of mockery" pervaded the ship during the visit. It quoted the captain, Stanley Bryant, as having told his crew earlier that "regardless of the president's politics, we need to show support for the president... whether you voted for him or not."

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The Probe: Grand Jury Faces Stalling Tactics, Lawyers Charge

By Michael Briggs

Sun-Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—The federal grand jury investigation of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) has been hampered by uncooperative associates of the Chicago congressman, according to lawyers familiar with the investigation.

Tactics that have impeded investigators range from delays in turning over records to witnesses invoking the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

Jay B. Stephens, U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, repeatedly has referred to obstruction of justice in connection with the investigation of Rostenkowski, although no one close to the congressman has been charged with that or any other crime.

Stephens' investigation, which initially focused on whether members of Congress had illegally converted government vouchers or campaign checks into cash at the House post office, has been broadened since last spring. Other financial dealings of Rostenkowski's are being investigated and a wide range of his records, associates and former associates have been subpoenaed.

Stephens recently said "substantial progress" also had been made in the post office embezzlement investigation.

"Efforts to obstruct that investigation" also were being looked into, Stephens said.

Although Stephens would not talk about those efforts, one source indicated that House officials sympathetic to Rostenkowski had thumbed their noses at requests for records, such as Rostenkowski's checking account at the now-defunct House bank and the congressman's payroll records.

Sergeant-at-Arms Werner W. Brandt did not return telephone calls about a subpoena served on him for Rostenkowski's bank records.

Steven R. Ross, the general counsel to House Clerk Donald K. Anderson, declined to discuss subpoenas for Rostenkowski's payroll records. Nor would Ross say whether he had talked about subpoenas or other developments in the investigation with Stanley M. Brand, Rostenkowski's attorney.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.) said he believed all requested records have been turned over to the grand jury.

There had been "difficulties" complying with some subpoenas, a House source acknowledged, but the official, who spoke on condition that he not be identified, insisted that "nobody was trying to stonewall" and asserted that "whatever problems there were have been resolved."

Some two dozen current and former aides on Rostenkowski's congressional payroll and on the staff of the House Ways and Means Committee that he chairs were subpoenaed after Rostenkowski was re-elected last November. As recently as last Feb. 9, Rostenkowski formally notified

the House speaker that a subpoena was served on a Ways and Means Committee employee.

Prosecutors have questioned whether Rostenkowski has attempted to influence testimony of his aides by paying their legal bills. Rostenkowski has used campaign funds to cover more than \$153,000 in legal expenses for himself and aides subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury. Questions that prosecutors put to witnesses have underscored that so many witnesses "have fallen into the hands of a small group of lawyers," an attorney said.

Among the subpoenaed aides was Mary A. Lesinski, who initially cited the Fifth Amendment in refusing to testify, a lawyer said.



Jay B. Stephens
campaign fund.

Lesinski last year ran up \$36,403 in legal bills that were paid from Rostenkowski's political cam-

Lesinski was a secretary to Virginia C. Fletcher, the longtime manager of Rostenkowski's congressional office on Capitol Hill.

In an effort to force Lesinski to provide information, sources said she was granted immunity from prosecution, which canceled her legal right not to testify.

Reached at the congressman's Capitol Hill office, Lesinski would not comment. Now a legislative aide, she previously worked in a part of the congressional office with duties that put her in a position to know about office expenses. She could have known, for example, whether post office vouchers were signed by Rostenkowski or by Fletcher.

Rostenkowski himself invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify last June.

The investigation of the House post office so far has resulted in six convictions of post office employees on charges that include embezzlement and drug dealing.

Obstruction-of-justice and witness-tampering allegations were among the charges in the most recent indictment returned by the grand jury. The charges last Nov. 24 against Gerald W. Weaver II involve alleged attempts to cover up drug deals and have no apparent bearing on the Rostenkowski investigation.

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The Power: Chairman Takes Lead on Clinton's Economic Plan

By Basil Talbott

Sun-Times Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Rep. Dan Rostenkowski's fabled clout, jeopardized by his legal troubles, is today facing its biggest test: Can Rostenkowski deliver President Clinton's economic plan?

As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rostenkowski rules the con-

gressional panel with the greatest say over the president's tax proposals and much to say about his spending cuts, welfare and health reform plans, and trade initiatives.

There is little question that the White House has been counting on the Chicago power broker. "Rosty is crucial to success of the package," said Democratic National Chairman

David Wilhelm, who sits in on strategy sessions at the White House.

Clinton has made sure to court Rostenkowski, who has been a Capitol fixture since the president was in grammar school. He has summoned Rostenkowski to the White House three times—twice on the eve of Clinton's State of the Union speech, when he presented his economic program to the nation. The president also has dropped in to see the Ways and Means chairman on three visits to Capitol Hill.

Rostenkowski's role under Clinton is different than during budget battles with prior administrations. "I was the coach of the other team," Rostenkowski said of his dealings with former presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. "Now I am the downfield blocker for the administration."

In his supporting role, he has promised to work to see that Clinton's package moves unmolested to the House floor. "I'm going to move some commas and semicolons as we review the legislation," he said in an interview.

But in his, more typically brusque fashion, Rostenkowski reminded Clinton's budget director, Leon E. Panetta, on Tuesday just how key a role he plays. "It all begins here," a smiling Rostenkowski said as he thumped his finger on the desk facing Panetta, who appeared for the first hearings on Clinton's program before Rostenkowski's committee.

Rostenkowski's value, according to longtime observers of the budget ritual, is inestimable. "Rosty has never seemed so valuable to Congress and the Democratic Party," said Thomas Mann, director of governmental studies of the Brookings Institution. "There is a great dread at the possibility that he might be indicted and leave the Ways and Means Committee rudderless."

David Mason, who assesses Congress for the conservative Heritage Foundation, agreed that the ongoing investigation of Ros-

tenkowski's financial dealings "produces a question mark." But, Mason said, "I'm not willing to dismiss his abilities. If the investigation winds down, he probably won't be hurt much."

There is no sign that Rostenkowski's effectiveness has been hurt yet. But some House colleagues report that the 65-year-old chairman often has looked tired. And Rostenkowski conceded that he has been affected.

"It's uncomfortable. It's embarrassing," Rostenkowski said. "It breaks my heart to see my friends subpoenaed by a grand jury because they are my friends. I call and apologize. It's tough being Rosty's friend at this time."

For almost a year, U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens has been on Rostenkowski's trail, leaving the impression he has something. In addition to questions about

whether Rostenkowski may have abused his perks at the House post office by exchanging stamp vouchers for cash, the grand jury is examining other financial dealings, including disclosures by the Chicago Sun-Times that Rostenkowski paid \$73,000 in campaign funds to himself and his sisters to rent a little-used campaign office and that he took ownership of three vehicles leased with taxpayers' money.

Through a spokesman, Rostenkowski has denied doing anything improper. Meanwhile, Stephens has continued to subpoena Rostenkowski's records, staff and former associates, and some publications have speculated that there will be an indictment. The inquiry won't dissolve even when Clinton finally gets his choice for attorney general installed at the Justice Department.

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If Rostenkowski is indicted, party rules require him to step down from the chairmanship until he is cleared. House leaders have expressed confidence that he will be vindicated. One of them, Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.), insisted that Rostenkowski has lost absolutely no clout.

In the culture of Capital Hill, even liberal Democrats who were offended in the past by Rostenkowski's coziness with Bush, an old friend, are loath to take cracks at him now.

"Some think it would be a real tragedy if an overanxious prosecutor and a press all too willing to string him up undermines a person who now seems crucial to the success of a new administration," Mann said.

Behind worries about an indictment is the concern among party leaders about who would take over trying to steer the unruly Ways and Means Committee should Rostenkowski be forced aside. Beyond the influence he wields by virtue of the broad scope of his committee, Rostenkowski has gained a reputation for strong handling of the panel's 38 fractious members. His predecessor as chairman, Al Ullman of Oklahoma, was amiable and fair but couldn't keep legislation on track.

"The chairman has the full respect of his membership," said Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-Calif.), a panel member in whom Rostenkowski has confided. "They would go off the cliff for him."

"He's a good chairman," agreed Rep. William M. Thomas, a California Republican on the panel who differs with Rostenkowski on some issues. As to whether the chairman's clout is diminished, Thomas said, "It's an on-and-off switch," depending on whether there is an indictment.

If Rostenkowski were indicted and forced to step aside, the next in seniority on Ways and Means is Rep. Sam M. Gibbons (D-Fla.), a slightly more conservative member. But Democratic leaders doubt he could control the panel, and chances are the House leadership would assume control to move through Clinton's program if Rostenkowski was out of the picture.



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Clinton's budget director, Leon E. Panetta (left), confers with Dan Rostenkowski during proceedings Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

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Probe Unlikely to Be Dropped, Experts Say

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It's almost impossible to dump a hot U.S. Justice Department investigation even after a change in command or political party, legal scholars and former top prosecutors say.

But veteran department staffers acknowledge that long transitions between U.S. attorneys can delay decisions or the resolution of important cases.

Concern this week that a federal grand jury investigation of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) could be dropped is ill-founded, says Georgetown University Law Center Professor William Greenhalgh.

Concern arose after new Attorney General Janet Reno called for the resignations of all U.S. attorneys. Most U.S. attorneys voluntarily resign when a new president takes office.

Greenhalgh said return of an indictment "depends on whether a case itself is strong or weak. For the most part, the turnover in the top job does not affect the day-to-day operations of a prosecutor's office."

Gregory Jones, who was a federal prosecutor for 13 years and twice served as acting U.S. attorney here, noted that "major investigations take years to complete and often cross different administrations.

"But in my experience I have noticed no impact on an investigation because of a change of politics," said Jones, who joined the prosecutor's office in 1972 under Republican appointee James R. Thompson and left to go into private practice in 1985 shortly after serving as acting boss between outgoing U.S. Attorney Dan

K. Webb and successor Anton Valukas. Both were Republicans.

Jones also headed up the office on an interim basis in 1977 before Webb took over from Democrat Tom Sullivan. Investigations into welfare fraud, judicial corruption and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago began under Sullivan and continued unabated with Webb.

"Tom Sullivan spent considerable time educating me," Webb said.

Webb's office eventually returned indictments in the welfare fraud cases and in the Operation Greylord court scandal case. Webb said the church investigation was dropped a few months after he took office because John Cardinal Cody had died.

The controversy over the Rostenkowski inquiry mirrors the national furor in 1978 when former U.S. Rep. Joshua Eilberg, a Democrat under investigation for conflict of interest, called for the ouster of Republican U.S. Attorney David Marston in Philadelphia.

Democratic President Jimmy Carter replaced Marston with Peter Vaira, a former chief of the U.S. Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force in Philadelphia and Chicago, who picked up the Eilberg investigation.

"I came in and energized the case, brought it to fruition and convicted the guy," said Vaira, now in private practice in Philadelphia.

"You can't dump a case. You would have to get rid of the career prosecutors on the job, and they won't stand for it. If you [a U.S. attorney] come in and kill an investigation, you'd better be ready to stand behind it and explain it."

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Despite complaints from Rostenkowski and supporters about news media leaks from the grand jury, little is known about U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens' investigation.

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The grand jury issued subpoenas relating to a Jan. 24 Sun-Times report that the congressman took personal ownership of three vehicles for which he had charged taxpayers at least \$68,250.

There have been suggestions that prosecutors are pursuing obstruction of justice charges because of a lack of cooperation from Rostenkowski and his staff. Witnesses before the grand jury reportedly have been asked about who is paying their legal bills. Rostenkowski's campaign fund has provided lawyers for staffers called to testify.

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Rostenkowski probe decision due in month

By Michael Tackett
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON—U.S. Atty. Jay Stephens said Tuesday that a decision to "resolve" the criminal investigation of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) and the House Post Office scandal would come within 30 days.

Stephens' announcement came on the day President Clinton called for the resignation of him and all other U.S. attorneys, a standard practice for an incoming president of a different political party.

Stephens said he had informed the Justice Department of his 30-day timetable on the investigation of Rostenkowski and the House scandal.

"It is a very active investigation, we have made substantial progress, this investigation is ongoing," Stephens said at a news conference called just hours after Atty. Gen. Janet Reno announced the requests for the resignations.

Stephens, a Republican holdover, was never expected to be kept on, but because he was focusing his criminal probe on a prominent Democrat linked so closely the success of Clinton's economic plan, any move regarding his status was politically charged.

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City School Summit Deserves a Big Class

Chicagoans, tune in.

School reform in Chicago and dire issues confronting the city's public schools will be the focus of a daylong television special this Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m.

The live event, to be broadcast by WTTW-Channel 11 and WBBM-AM radio, will bring together a host of important players. They include School Board members, principals, teachers, local school council members, Mayor Daley and Gov. Edgar.

They're certain to discuss overwhelming problems with city schools. The Board of Education is confronting a budget deficit of about \$383 million; negotiations with the Chicago Teachers Union and 22 other unions are pending; state aid for education is shrinking on a proportional basis; a search for a new general superintendent is under way, and proposals to revise portions of the 1988 School Reform Act are on the table in Springfield.

Yet, every crisis presents opportunities for rebirth. We hope Saturday's program serves as a catalyst for parents, students and taxpayers across the city to commit themselves anew to revitalizing our schools. Chicago public schools ought to be the vehicle for the ordinary and not-so-ordinary children of this city to achieve their highest aspirations, and to fulfill their parents' noblest dreams. Let's make the tough choices, and make it happen.

As students in Berwyn and Cicero demonstrated last week when they walked out of school and pushed their school board to change, democracy works when ordinary people take ownership of their institutions and become engaged in making them work.

Thanks go to the Chicago Community Trust, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Joyce Foundation, the Wieboldt Foundation and the Spencer Foundation for funding the program. WTTW is donating its studio, equipment and staff, and Roosevelt University's Institute for Metropolitan Affairs is coordinating the event.

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New Park Program a Big Hit

For thousands of working parents, the end of school each day brings concern about keeping their children supervised until they get home. They'll get some relief through a pilot program of the Chicago Park District and a consortium of 56 North Side community groups.

Starting April 5, "Parks Are for Kids" will go into full swing.

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Are Faster Truck

It's springtime in Springfield, which means that a load of new trucking legislation has arrived that would allow the big trucks that are driven in the state to be even longer, wider, heavier and faster.

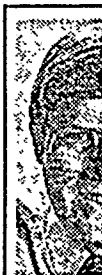
While most of the bills are technical, dealing with such things as axle weights and the use of portable scales by law enforcement officials to measure truck weights, the one that ought to draw the most public interest is House Bill 451, which would allow trucks to drive as fast as motorists on some highways.

Actually, the bill, sponsored by Representatives Larry W. Hicks (D-Mount Vernon) and Charles A. Hartke (D-Teutopolis), is more broad-minded; it also would raise speed limits for buses, campers, vehicles towing vehicles, and the like. In a nutshell, where the speed limit for cars now is 65 m.p.h., as on rural interstate highways, the speed limit for trucks and the other vehicles would be raised from the current 55 m.p.h. to 65 m.p.h.

I'd guess that most people's instinctive reaction would be like mine—we don't need any trucks driving faster than they do now. But don't count this bill out. A similar bill passed the House in 1987 and was only narrowly defeated in the Senate.

Here are the pros and the cons:

The Illinois Transportation Association, backing the bill on behalf of its hundreds of trucking company members, says studies show that what kills is



Dennis Byrne

Rosty Investigator May Leave Soon

He Says 10-Day Limit Given, But Justice Official Denies It

By Michael Briggs
and Basil Talbott

Sun-Times Washington Bureau

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Attorney General Janet Reno, who called for the resignations of all holdover U.S. attorneys appointed by Republican presidents, said Stephens "is not being singled out in any way." A spokeswoman for Reno said Stephens, who was appointed by President Ronald Reagan, had not been given a deadline to leave.

Stephens did not back off his assertion that he was told that he would be fired by a week from Friday.

Some Republican members of Congress quickly raised objections to Reno's call for resignations.

Rep. George W. Gekas (R-Pa.), former prosecutor who is on the House Judiciary Committee, called the action "the Tuesday afternoon massacre," and Republican Whip Newt Gingrich (Ga.) said he would call for hearings into the matter.

"It looks very political," Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.), chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said of Reno's removal of all 93 U.S. attorneys. "It catches many cases in midstream. It's not only political, it's not wise."

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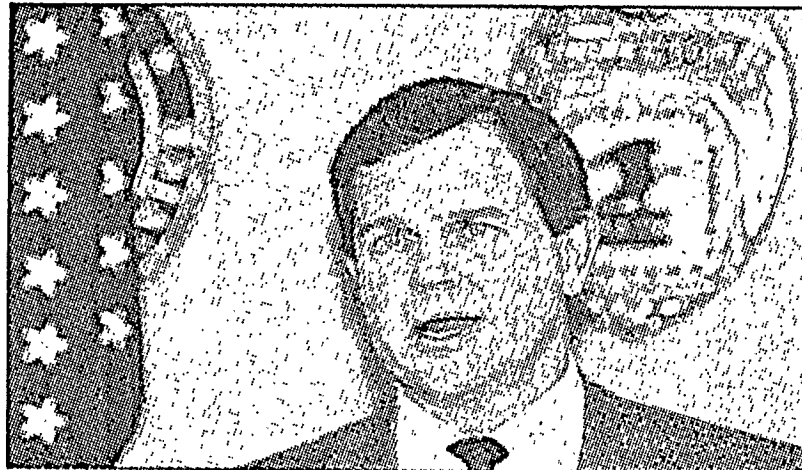
more than a year to fill the posts.

At a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Reno said there was "no linkage whatsoever" between her call for holdover prosecutors to resign and the investigation of Rostenkowski.

Reno said she was "not familiar with the Rostenkowski case."

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Associated Press

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make a critical decision to resolve this investigation within 30 days." Stephens would not be more precise, but a source said the imminent "critical decision" was whether to ask a grand jury to indict Rostenkowski.

Stephens asserted that "substantial progress" had been made in the "very active investigation" of Rostenkowski and he expressed hope that career prosecutors on his staff who have conducted the Rostenkowski inquiry will be allowed to finish it.

Rostenkowski was said to be in Chicago and a spokesman at his Washington office had no reaction to the announcements by Reno or Stephens.

Caroline Aronovitz, the attorney general's spokeswoman, disputed Stephens' assertion that he was given 10 days to clean out his desk. "That's not the case at all. He was not given any sense of a time line. All we said was that we would do it as quickly as possible," Aronovitz said. She accused Stephens of "making a big to-do," but she said, "he doesn't know more than anyone else about what's going to happen in the future and he wouldn't have any idea of the timing."

Reno had said that some holdover prosecutors would be asked to stay on to complete investigations. Clinton will consult with Democratic senators and fill the posts in "an orderly way that does not impact on any pending investigations," Reno said.

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Despite complaints from Rostenkowski and

supporters about news media leaks from the grand jury, little is known about U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens' investigation.

After the Sun-Times reported Dec. 13 that Rostenkowski had paid more than \$73,000 in campaign funds to himself and his sisters for a little-used office, the grand jury began investigating the lease arrangement.

The grand jury issued subpoenas relating to a Jan. 24 Sun-Times report that the congressman took personal ownership of three vehicles for which he had charged taxpayers at least \$68,250.

There have been suggestions that prosecutors are pursuing obstruction of justice charges because of a lack of cooperation from Rostenkowski and his staff. Witnesses before the grand jury reportedly have been asked about who is paying their legal bills. Rostenkowski's campaign fund has provided lawyers for staffers called to testify.

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United States Courthouse
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COURTROOM

Grand Jury 91-3
Third Floor

DATE AND TIME

Friday, March 26, 1993
at 9:00 a.m.

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Nancy M. Meyer-Whitman, Clerk
(BY) DEPUTY CLERK

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March 23, 1993

This subpoena is issued upon application
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NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

WENDY L. WYSONG, AUSA (202) 514-9832
Public Corruption/Government Fraud Section
555 Fourth Street, N.W., Fifth Floor
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Reno demands resignations of U.S. attorneys

By Jerry Seper
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Attorney General Janet Reno yesterday asked for the resignation of the country's 93 U.S. attorneys, saying President Clinton wants to build his own team of federal prosecutors.

The call for resignations includes Jay B. Stephens in the District, Richard D. Bennett in Maryland, Richard Cullen in Northern Virginia and E. Montgomery Tucker in Southern Virginia.

"We're asking for the resignations so the U.S. attorneys presently in position will know where they stand and we can begin to build a team that represents a Department of Justice that represents my views and the views of President Clinton," she said.

Miss Reno denied the request had anything to do with an ongoing investigation by Mr. Stephens of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, Illinois Democrat and chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. She said there was "no linkage whatsoever" with the Rostenkowski probe and that Mr. Stephens was "not being singled out."

The House Ways and Means Committee chairman is integral to Mr. Clinton's efforts to pass an economic package.

A federal grand jury is looking into allegations that Mr. Rostenkowski used the House Post Office as a cover to convert funds to his personal use. The probe has also focused on Rep. Austin Murphy and former Rep. Joseph P. Kolter, Pennsylvania Democrats.

During a separate press conference yesterday, Mr. Stephens said he was told before the Reno announcement that his resignation would be effective in 10 days with the appointment of an interim U.S. attorney. He declined to discuss the Rostenkowski case but said he recently told the Justice Department he would be making "a critical decision" within the next 30 days to "resolve the investigation."

Messrs. Rostenkowski, Murphy and Kolter have denied any wrongdoing.

Five former clerks and the former chief of staff at the House mail facility, an independent contractor for the U.S. Postal Service, have pleaded guilty to charges ranging from the sale of illegal drugs to embezzle-

ment.

Speaking at her first Washington press conference since her confirmation two weeks ago, Miss Reno said no replacement U.S. attorneys had yet been named, but a review process is under way. She said some names have been suggested by several U.S. senators.

"I think the U.S. attorneys ... are absolutely integral to the whole success of the Department of Justice," Miss Reno said. The veteran Florida prosecutor, whose nomination as the first woman ever to head the Justice Department was approved by the Senate on a 98-0 vote, said her formal call for the resignations went out yesterday morning.

Most of the nation's U.S. attorneys were appointed by Presidents Reagan and Bush, and the call for their resignations is standard partisan politics.

Miss Reno said she was still reviewing a Justice Department report on alleged financial irregularities by FBI Director William S. Sessions and has not decided on a recommendation to the president regarding whether he should be fired.

Mr. Sessions has five years remaining on a 10-year term but is considered a long shot to keep his job. He reportedly has lost the confidence of many of the bureau's 9,500 agents, including some of his top deputies.

Mr. Clinton yesterday denied published reports that he already has decided to replace the embattled director. "I am going to wait for her judgment," the president said.

With regard to violence at abortion clinics, Miss Reno said she will push for legislation giving federal agencies a larger role in protecting women at abortion clinics. She said a Supreme Court ruling that federal judges cannot stop protesters who try to block access had undercut federal authority to intervene.

Dr. David Gunn, who ran an abortion clinic in Miss Reno's home state, was killed March 10 outside his Pensacola, Fla., office. She said she has ruled out Justice Department involvement in the case and was satisfied state authorities were making progress.

Miss Reno was the last member of the Clinton Cabinet to be confirmed.

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Washington Area to Lose 2 High-Profile Prosecutors

All U.S. Attorneys Told to Tender Resignations

By Michael York
and Donald P. Baker
Washington Post Staff Writers

The Clinton administration yesterday requested that the nation's 93 U.S. attorneys submit their resignations, a move that likely will mean the quick departure of two figures who have played prominent roles in the politics of the District and Virginia.

In the District, U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens said he expects to leave office within 10 days.

Stephens's office successfully prosecuted then-Mayor Marion Barry on a drug possession charge and has been involved in several high-profile cases. One is an ongoing investigation of the operations

of the House Post Office, a case that involves allegations of wrongdoing by House Ways and Means Committee chairman Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.).

In Virginia, Richard Cullen, the prosecutor for the eastern half of the state, said he expects to be gone by Monday.

Cullen, a Richmond lawyer long active in state Republican circles, may seek the GOP nomination for the Senate seat now held by Democrat Charles S. Robb, a nomination Iran-contra figure Oliver L. North also may pursue.

Cullen and his Maryland counterpart, Richard D. Bennett, said they were surprised by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno's request that



JAY B. STEPHENS

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they and other Republican prosecutors tender their resignations.

Bennett, a former Maryland GOP chairman, has told reporters he may run in the party primary for state attorney general next year.

Reno, who announced the requests for resignations of U.S. attorneys, depicted the move as routine.

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tine for a new administration. Some former department officials complained it came without warning and could create turmoil in some U.S. attorney's offices conducting sensitive investigations.

One such office cited was Stephens's in the District because of its investigation of the House Post Office and its bearing on Rostenkowski, a key member of the House leadership who has an influential role in pressing for enactment of Clinton administration initiatives.

Rostenkowski has aggressively defended himself against allegations that he misused his position, and he has claimed that Stephens's investigation was politically motivated.

Stephens said at a news conference that he had expected within a month "to make a critical decision with regard to the resolution" of the House Post Office inquiry. He said that the decision whether to seek indictments in the investigation would not be affected by Reno's request, although he suggested that the timing meant he would not be involved in the decision.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District's delegate to the U.S. House, said the White House had agreed for the first time to let the delegate nominate candidates for the prosecutor's job, as well as federal judgeships. "This is a tremendous victory for the District," Norton said. "It's an important indication that District residents can increase their power even before we get the statehood we deserve."

Norton said she will appoint a panel of advisers to help her screen candidates for U.S. attorney. Among those mentioned yesterday as possible successors to Stephens were D.C. Superior Court Judges Noel A. Kramer, Zenora M. Mitchell-Rankin and Eric H. Holder Jr. and Assistant U.S. Attorney June M. Jeffries.

At a Richmond news conference, Cullen said that he had hoped his bipartisan support of gun legislation signed into law yesterday by Democratic Gov. L. Douglas Wilder might have allowed him to remain the chief federal prosecutor for eastern Virginia. He also said that although North enjoys "tremendous name recognition" Cullen was "not convinced he's the most electable Republican."

The names of several Democrats quickly emerged as possible successors to Cullen, including Arlington Commonwealth's Attorney Helen F. Fahey. Also mentioned were Richmond lawyer Lawrence W. Framme III, a former state party official and former Wilder Cabinet member, and former state senator Moody E. "Sonny" Stallings, of Virginia Beach.

Robb, as the state's highest-ranking Democratic official in Washington, is likely to have the last word on Cullen's successor. His office said that several people have expressed interest in the job, but that Robb would have no comment, for fear of discouraging qualified applicants. E. Montgomery Tucker, the U.S. attorney for western Virginia, based in Roanoke, also will be replaced.

In Maryland, political insiders said Bennett's likely successor is Lynne Ann Battaglia, chief of staff for Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) and a former state prosecutor. If nominated and confirmed, Battaglia would be the state's first woman U.S. attorney.

Staff writers Kent Jenkins Jr. and Paul W. Valentine contributed to this report.

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March 24, 1993

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NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

WENDY L. WYSONG, AUSA (202) 514-9832
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For the information of the Springfield Field Division, Plate Block is the code name for the continuing investigation of the U.S. House of Representatives Post Office that includes, as main subjects, Representatives DAN ROSTENKOWSKI of Illinois, AUSTIN MURPHY of Pennsylvania and former Representative JOE KOLTER also of Pennsylvania.

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HPO IN THE YEAR 1989.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed at the offices of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Also present at this interview was AUSA [redacted]. After being advised of the official identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he has been a [redacted] since the year 1989. Prior to that time, and since the year 1962 [redacted] worked for Representative and House Speaker JAMES WRIGHT, remaining in the employment of that Member until his resignation from Congress in June of 1989. [redacted] stated that his final position while employed by the House of Representatives was WRIGHT's [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked about his knowledge of an individual named [redacted] recalled that he knew [redacted] and that he was the [redacted] a prominent dentist in the city of Ft. Worth, Texas, who was active in Texas politics and was also Democratic Committee Chairman. When [redacted] was in his late high school or early college years, [redacted] could not recall which, [redacted] came to WRIGHT's office in Washington and asked for employment. [redacted] stated that this was a regular occurrence that various individuals would ask for employment assistance, but he recalled that he made a special effort to obtain a job for [redacted] because he knew [redacted] was given an intern position in the office of Rep. WRIGHT. This was a temporary position and [redacted] eventually returned to school full-time when the internship concluded.

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Sometime during the time period of 1987-1988, [redacted] again approached WRIGHT's office for employment after he had obtained his law degree. [redacted] stated that at the time, [redacted] had just passed the Bar and was seeking a position in the Foreign Service, and he was looking for a position on the Hill to wait out a possible Foreign Service appointment. [redacted] advised that he did not contact WRIGHT specifically about [redacted] seeking

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employment because it was understood in the office that efforts should be made for good people looking for work.

[redacted] stated that he checked with his contacts on the Hill to determine if there were any employment opportunities anywhere and one of the people he contacted was [redacted] the [redacted] of the House Post Office (HPO) who was also a good friend of [redacted]. After describing [redacted] qualifications, [redacted] stated that he had a job that [redacted] would be suited for keeping track of the stamps of the HPO and that it was a good job with an excellent salary. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] started work shortly after that time at the HPO. To [redacted] knowledge, Speaker WRIGHT knew nothing about the assistance given by his office to [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that there was no need, in this particular situation, to contact the House Patronage Committee regarding the HPO position and that, on most occasions, requests originating from the office of the Speaker of the House were granted if at all possible. Because of this assistance, however, [redacted] could have been considered to have been under the patronage of the Speaker and [redacted] may certainly have thought of him as such.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] eventually desired to return to Ft. Worth. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he was about to leave his position at the HPO; in the event that the Speaker's office had any individuals who were looking for employment, but [redacted] had no one in mind to fill the position. [redacted] advised that he has had no contact with [redacted] since that time, and [redacted] never told him about any improprieties at the HPO during the time that he was employed there.

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[redacted] was asked about his knowledge of a handicapped person who may have been considered for the HPO position when [redacted] resigned and he advised that he did not recall any such person. [redacted] further advised that he was unaware of any handicapped person or a person confined to a wheelchair being considered for any employment position on the Hill through the assistance of the Speaker's office.

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[redacted] advised that he wrote a letter of support to [redacted] at the time that he resigned from his job of [redacted] of the HPO, but has not had any contact with him since then. At no time were aspects of [redacted] involvement in the HPO investigation ever

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discussed. further advised that he had no knowledge of any list ranking Members of the House by stamp purchases at the HPO and he had no idea why the Speaker would need such a list.

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Panel Widens Request In Rostenkowski Probe

Chicago Tribune

The criminal investigation of Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) took a new turn with disclosures that a federal grand jury has for the first time requested financial records from the House Ways and Means Committee during the congressman's tenure as chairman.

The grand jury also requested records from Rostenkowski's congressional office dating to the late 1970s, a period at least seven years longer than the previous scope of its investigation.

The announcement Friday came on the last day in office for Washington-area U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens, who had been leading the investigation of Rostenkowski. The Clinton administration demanded the resignation of all U.S. attorneys.

At a recent news conference, Stephens said he had informed the Justice Department that a "critical decision" in the Rostenkowski case would be made within 30 days, about three weeks from Friday. Attorney General Janet Reno declined comment on the case, other than to say Stephens's replacement would be named soon.



REP. DAN ROSTENKOWSKI
... grand jury seeks office records

The new subpoenas suggest that the investigation will proceed despite Stephens's absence. As many as five staff prosecutors who have been involved in the House Post Office investigation will remain in place. Rostenkowski consistently has denied any wrongdoing.

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Photo by Bert V. Goulat/The Washington Times.
New challenges: Jay Stephens
may run for Senate in Virginia.

Stephens sought more time

House probe was near end, he says

By Catherine Touns
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Former U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens said yesterday his forced departure was ordered despite his warnings to the White House that a sensitive probe of a powerful Democratic congressman would be delayed and perhaps derailed.

The former federal prosecutor for the District also said he is weighing a 1994 run for the Senate from Virginia and is concerned about the direction the Clinton administration is taking on criminal justice matters.

In a luncheon interview with reporters and editors of The Washington Times, Mr. Stephens said he requested time to complete his work when he was asked March 23 to resign with the other 92 U.S. attorneys.

He said he was close to deciding whether to seek indictments against Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, the chairman of the House Ways and Means

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STEPHENS

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Committee and a key figure in President Clinton's economic plans.

Mr. Stephens has investigated claims that the Illinois Democrat illegally diverted thousands of dollars in public money for personal use.

Mr. Stephens, 46, was credited locally with prosecuting the District's violent drug gangs and corrupt politicians and known nationally for his aggressive pursuit of international terrorists.

He said the blanket firing of federal prosecutors is unprecedented and sends troubling signals.

"Traditionally, U.S. attorneys were replaced one at a time," he said. "By

eliminating all of the U.S. attorneys, effectively you've made a substantial statement about law enforcement. ... You have knocked out across the United States all the leadership of federal law enforcement."

Attorney General Janet Reno's dismissal of the federal prosecutors "raises the question of what is the commitment of this administration, this Justice Department, and whether there is a genuine commitment," he said.

Mr. Stephens, whose ambitious career included the prosecution of then-Mayor Marion Barry and drug kingpin Rayful Edmond III, said he has made no decisions about his future. He said he will spend the next 30 to 60 days enjoying time with his family and "figuring out what I

really want to do."

He said he has spent 15 years in federal criminal justice and "I feel strongly about public service. ... I will consider a variety of options. One of those options will be the 1994 Senate race in Virginia. That's one thing I would consider along with the whole range of other things."

If Mr. Stephens entered the Senate race, he would join retired Lt. Col. Oliver North in a field of potential challengers to Democratic Sen. Charles S. Robb.

Col. North, the Iran-Contra figure, is the most prominent GOP hopeful so far. He has been raising money and appearing on behalf of Republican candidates around the state the past year.

Mr. Robb's political reputation

has been damaged the past two years by stories of personal misconduct, prompting an unusual number of candidates to line up against him.

Mr. Stephens could be a contender, political insiders said.

"I'm not sure whether he has the name identification to run statewide or whether he has the time to build up his name recognition, but I think he would be a fine candidate," said Pat Mullens, Republican chairman of the 10th Congressional District, which includes part of Fairfax County.

"He's a very attractive candidate. We're going to have a very spirited contest next year," state GOP Chairman Patrick McSweeney said.

Who will succeed Mr. Stephens is a question for D.C. Delegate Eleanor

Holmes Norton. For the first time, the White House agreed to let the delegate nominate candidates for the prosecutor's job and for District judgeships.

Mrs. Norton said she is forming an advisory panel to help in her search. Among the names that have emerged as possible successors are D.C. Superior Court Judge Eric Holder and Corporation Counsel John Payton.

On Monday, a 16-year veteran of the federal prosecutor's office, J. Ramsey Johnson, was sworn in as interim U.S. attorney. Mr. Johnson, 47, a classmate of the president's at Georgetown University, had been chief of the office's D.C. Superior Court division since 1989.

Mr. Stephens predicted that local

court systems across the country will go through major reforms in the next decade, adopting many federal court practices, such as mandatory sentencing, speedy-trial laws and bail reform.

He said the District's effort to turn the prosecution of local crimes over to a local prosecutor is a mistake.

"Seeing both systems of justice, the federal system and the local system, the federal system is a much more effective way of developing evidence and presenting that evidence in a speedy fashion, resolving cases and having sentences imposed in a fair manner," he said.

• Jim Clardy and Matt Neufeld contributed to this report.

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may be made by providing the requested documents to Assistant
U.S. Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] at 555 - 4th Street, Northwest 5th
Floor, Washington, D.C.

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Re WMFO airtel to SI, 3/24/93.

Enclosed for WMFO is original executed Federal
Grand Jury (FGJ) subpoena, served on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Also enclosed, is an original and one copy of an
FD-302, on March 24, 1993, by SA [REDACTED] reflecting
the service of the above described subpoena, on [REDACTED]

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Rostenkowski probe ordered on 'full steam ahead'

By Carolyn Skorneck
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Attorney General Janet Reno said yesterday that she told federal lawyers investigating Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, a powerful Democrat, to go "full steam ahead."

Miss Reno said she called J. Ramsey Johnson, the District of Columbia's interim U.S. attorney. Mr. Johnson succeeded Republican Jay Stephens, who had suggested the department sought his resignation to interfere with the probe of the Illinois Democrat who chairs the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

"I told him if there was anything he needed, full steam ahead," Miss Reno said in an interview, amplifying on comments made to a group of reporters earlier.

After the call to Mr. Johnson, she said, she called Marshall Jarrett, who heads the criminal division at the U.S. Attorneys' Office, and "told him the same thing. . . . I talked to the person who I thought was supervising" the case that is being handled by three assistant U.S. attorneys.

Mr. Rostenkowski's office said he would have no comment. The congressman said last July that prosecutors were on a "fishing expedition" to see whether he illegally obtained cash from the House post office, possibly through the conversion of stamps.

On other matters, Miss Reno told reporters she:

- Has ordered a Justice Department review of the controversial U.S. policy of kidnapping suspects abroad.

- Hoped people would accept whatever verdict is returned in the trial of three Los Angeles police officers and one former officer accused of violating Rodney King's civil rights and would understand that federal prosecutors made their best effort to win a conviction.

- Has directed the civil rights division to investigate deaths in Mississippi jails to determine if there was any criminal activity and, if not,

to find a way to prevent future deaths.

The hanging death of 18-year-old Andre Jones last August drew attention to 47 hanging deaths in Mississippi jails over the last six years.

- Has still made no decision on the future of FBI Director William Sessions because she wants to make sure she has all the necessary information about allegations he used his office for personal gain.

The Rostenkowski case got considerable publicity after Miss Reno asked for the resignations of 77 politically appointed U.S. attorneys March 23 so she and President Clinton could install new political appointees.

Mr. Rostenkowski is a key figure in the effort to win congressional approval for Mr. Clinton's economic proposals.

Asked how she deals with such a delicate situation, Miss Reno told reporters: "You say, 'Investigate as completely and as thoroughly as possible, research the law as carefully as possible and then make the best judgment, Mr. prosecutor and U.S. Attorney's Office, that you can, based on the evidence and the law.'"

Despite Mr. Stephens' departure, "it's my understanding that the person who's handling that investigation is still there and going strong," she said.

Of the King case, which sparked riots in Los Angeles when the four men were acquitted of most state charges a year ago, Miss Reno expressed the hope that "whatever the verdict . . . we work with the residents of Los Angeles; state and local governments; to do what we can to heal the wounds caused by that case."

As for Mr. Sessions, accused in a Justice Department report of misusing government vehicles and avoiding taxes on his transportation to and from work, Miss Reno said, "I have made no judgment, because I have tried to read the report, very carefully, follow up on details of the report that I needed information on."

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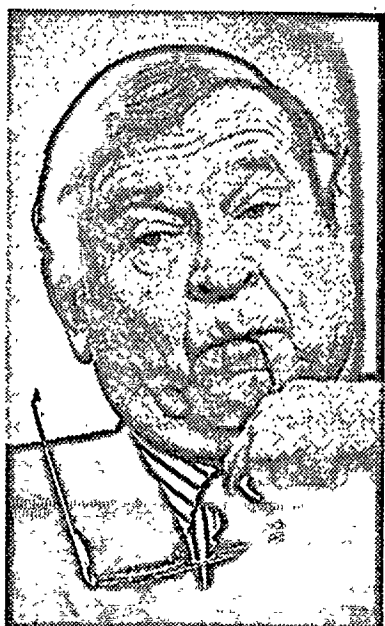
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REP. DAN ROSTENKOWSKI
... key to Clinton economic program

Reno Urges Full Probe of Rostenkowski

'Full Steam Ahead,' Investigators Are Told

Associated Press

Attorney General Janet Reno told attorneys investigating House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) to go "full steam ahead," she said yesterday.

Reno said she made the comments to J. Ramsey Johnson, the District's interim U.S. attorney. Johnson succeeded Republican Jay B. Stephens, who had complained that the administration's request for the resignations of all U.S. attorneys could impede the Rostenkowski investigation.

"I told him if there was anything he needed, full steam ahead," Reno said.

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After the call to Johnson, she said, she called Marshall Jarrett, who heads the criminal division at the U.S. attorneys office, and "told him the same thing," she said. "I talked to the person who I thought was supervising" the case that is being handled by three assistant U.S. attorneys.

Rostenkowski's office said he would have no comment. Rostenkowski said last July that prosecutors were on a "fishing expedition" to see whether he illegally obtained cash from the House Post Office, possibly through the conversion of stamps.

The Rostenkowski case got a great deal of publicity after Reno asked for the resignations of 77 politically appointed U.S. attorneys March 23 so she and President Clinton could install new appointees.

Rostenkowski is a key figure in the effort to win congressional approval for Clinton's economic proposals.

Asked how she deals with such a delicate situation, Reno told reporters, "You say, 'Investigate as completely and as thoroughly as possible, research the law as carefully as possible and then make the best judgment, Mr. Prosecutor and U.S. attorney's office, that you can, based on the evidence and the law,'" she said.

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TO : SAC, CHICAGO
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9)
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
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Re: WMFO facsimile transmission of 4/13/93 and WMFO
 telcall of 4/14/93 from SA [redacted] to
 SA [redacted]

The Chicago Field Division is requested to determine the if the current physical condition of [redacted] would make it impossible for this individual to be interviewed or for him to travel to the Washington Area for Federal Grand Jury Testimony. Contacts have been made to the AUSA's assigned to this matter from [redacted] doctor and daughter providing information to the effect that [redacted] and is too ill to be contacted and that he should avoid stressful situations.

Additionally, Chicago is requested to attempt to determine the current ownership and physical locations of the various vehicles purchased from WIL-SHORE by REP. DAN ROSTENKOWSKI. Referenced facsimile transmission listed four Chicago automotive service facilities that are known to have performed work on these vehicles. These establishments may have records which may assist in locating these vehicles.

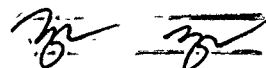
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CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

Contact [redacted] doctor, [redacted]
[redacted], telephone number [redacted] in
an attempt to determine the current physical condition of
[redacted]

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Contact [redacted] daughter [redacted] work
telephone [redacted] and home telephone [redacted] to
determine condition and where [redacted] is currently residing.

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Interview appropriate personnel at the following
auto service facilities to determine current location of the
aforementioned vehicles:

1. LYNCH SERVICE, 4501 Irving Park, Chicago
2. AUTO MANIA, 3914 Milwaukee, Chicago.
3. CASSIDY TIRE, 344 N. Canal Street, Chicago.
4. CASEY'S STANDARD, 1334 Division, Chicago.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] Federal Building,
819 Taylor Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102, was interviewed at
his office by the below listed Agents of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION (FBI). Also present during the interview was
[redacted] After being
advised of the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the
following information:

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Sex
Race
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Work telephone #

[redacted]

[redacted] was shown a copy of a list, dated 11/14/88, and
headed "Accounts by Total". [redacted] was advised that the list
represents the dollar value of postage stamps purchased by
individual members of the United States Congress House of
Representatives. [redacted] was also advised that the list was
compiled by U.S. House of Representatives Post Office (HPO) [redacted]

[redacted] thoroughly reviewed the list, and
advised that this was the first time he had seen this list.
[redacted] is unaware why [redacted] or anyone else, would compile the
list, and [redacted] states that he, as [redacted], did not
direct [redacted] to maintain such a list. [redacted] further advised that
he had no knowledge of TIP O'NEILL directing [redacted] to keep a list,
nor had O'NEILL advised [redacted] about the existence or purpose of
such a list. [redacted] adds that perhaps some member of his staff
may have known about the list, however, [redacted] re-states that he
was unaware of its existence.

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[redacted] states that he and other members of congress
enjoyed the privilege of using franked envelopes for government
business. Any personal mail, such as sending a greeting card to
one of your constituents, would have required the use of postage
stamps. The HPO was a convenient location to purchase those

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stamps. [REDACTED] would not be surprised if a relatively large amount of money was spent on stamps, since some representatives may correspond personally with many of their constituents.

[REDACTED] states that there was no limit on the dollar amount of stamps that any representative could purchase.

[REDACTED] further states that [REDACTED] in the early 1980's, and attended graduate school in the Washington, D.C. area. [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] good friend, Dr. J. D. TOMME, who has since passed away. J. D. TOMME was a dentist, and a former Texas County Democratic Chairman. [REDACTED] currently resides in Parker County, Texas. [REDACTED] thought the world of [REDACTED] and gladly obliged him in the early 1980's when [REDACTED] wanted to come to Washington to work and go to school. [REDACTED] left Washington after a short while, but later recontacted [REDACTED] in the mid to late 1980's to inquire about any available positions in the House of Representatives. Once again, [REDACTED] felt that [REDACTED] was bright and conscientious, so [REDACTED] was glad to provide assistance. [REDACTED] made some inquiries with the House Patronage Committee, and based on [REDACTED] recommendation, [REDACTED] was appointed a position within the HPO.

[REDACTED] does not specifically recall what position [REDACTED] occupied at the HPO, nor does [REDACTED] recall the specific dates of employment. When advised that [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] at the HPO from some part of 1987 through a portion of 1989, [REDACTED] advised that he would not disagree with those statements. [REDACTED] is unsure of how [REDACTED] secured the [REDACTED] position at the HPO. [REDACTED] continues by stating that the [REDACTED] position was not one that he [REDACTED] recalls being a position that is reserved for the [REDACTED] to fill. [REDACTED] simply contacted the Patronage Committee, which was chaired at the time by Representative JACK BROOKS of Vermont, and [REDACTED] secured a position. [REDACTED] stated that the Patronage Committee was previously chaired by a TIP O'NEILL appointment, Representative MOAKLEY). [REDACTED] speculated that [REDACTED] may have previously developed a rapport with [REDACTED] which enabled [REDACTED] to work at the HPO. [REDACTED] salary as the [REDACTED] is a matter of Public Record.

[REDACTED] has a vague recollection that [REDACTED] moved onto another position at the House, however, [REDACTED] does not recall the specifics. When advised that [REDACTED] moved onto the House Banking Committee, Financial Institution Subcommittee, [REDACTED] did

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not dispute that statement, but stated that he did not recall the appointment. [REDACTED] states that he would have highly recommended [REDACTED] for the new position, however his [REDACTED] recommendation was not essential for attaining the new position. [REDACTED] continues by adding that a staff position on a Subcommittee would have required that [REDACTED] become immersed in the subject. [REDACTED] is unaware of [REDACTED] current address, and [REDACTED] suggests that an inquiry be made at the local Masonic Temple in Fort Worth, Texas concerning [REDACTED] whereabouts.

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[REDACTED] does not recall that he made a recommendation in 1989 to fill the vacated HPO [REDACTED] slot formerly occupied by [REDACTED]. When asked if the description of a Texas man in a wheelchair refreshed his memory about the recommendation, [REDACTED] responded in the negative. [REDACTED] suggested that contact be made with [REDACTED] of the local chapter of the National Paraplegic Association in Fort Worth, Texas. [REDACTED] who is from Fort Worth, and is bound to a wheelchair would be an excellent source of information concerning handicapped people locally. [REDACTED] cannot recall if he recommended [REDACTED] or if someone on his staff talked to [REDACTED] about recommending [REDACTED] to the HPO [REDACTED] position. [REDACTED] states that perhaps his former [REDACTED] might know more about this. [REDACTED] currently works in Washington, D.C., and resides in [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] does not recall [REDACTED] or any other representative of the House coming to him to ask [REDACTED] to withdraw his recommendation (of the Texas man in a wheelchair) to fill the vacant [REDACTED] position, with a recommendation of their own. [REDACTED] is unfamiliar with the name of [REDACTED] states that [REDACTED] is a common name, and that additionally, many things were requiring [REDACTED] attention in 1989 which may explain [REDACTED] lack of memory in this area. [REDACTED] continues by stating that he really only knew [REDACTED] to say "hello" to him. [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] at the HPO for a long time (perhaps dating back to the late 1970's, or early 1980's). Once again, [REDACTED] does not recall any specific conversations with [REDACTED] suggesting that [REDACTED] be recommended to the [REDACTED] position in lieu of [REDACTED] recommendation. [REDACTED] does not recall that the [REDACTED] position was his as [REDACTED] to fill.

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further advised that he recalls the name of however, he does not recall what position she occupied at the House of Representatives.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: SSA [redacted] PCU)

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (58C-WF-180673) (FW2) (RUC)

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Reference airtel from WMFO to Director FBI, dated March 16, 1993.

Enclosed for WMFO is the original and two copies of an FD-302 interview of [redacted], dated March 23, 1993. Enclosed for FBIHQ is one informational copy of the above-referenced FD-302.

Any further interviews in this matter are being held in abeyance until such time as WMFO directs them to be conducted. As no further investigation is contemplated at this time, this matter is being placed into an RUC status.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] U.S. House of Representatives, DOB [redacted] telephone [redacted] was interviewed at his Congressional office. Also present at this interview were Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] House Counsel [redacted] and [redacted]. After being advised the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] was asked about a list ranking Members of the House in order by the amount of postage stamp purchases transacted at the House Post Office (HPO). [redacted] was then asked if he had even seen this list or was he aware of such a list. [redacted] advised that he had never seen this list prior to his being shown the list by [redacted] before this interview. [redacted] further advised that he had no knowledge of, nor had he never seen the aforementioned list, dated 11/14/88, or a list dated 11/6/91 which listed Members in alphabetical order with their HPO stamp purchases.

[redacted] stated that the existence of such a list did not surprise him, although he did not know why anyone would want to keep such a list. [redacted] was advised that it was alleged that this list was kept by the [redacted] of the HPO, [redacted] at the request of [redacted]. [redacted] advised that he had never requested that such a list be kept, that he was unaware of his immediate predecessors requesting such a list, and that former Speaker [redacted] THOMAS (TIP) O'NEILL never mentioned this list.

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[redacted] further advised that he has never had discussions with his staff about this list. [redacted] stated that he asked his [redacted] about the list after he was initially shown the list by [redacted] and she had never seen nor had any knowledge of this list.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/20/93

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United States District Court

for the

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SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY

SUBPOENA FOR:

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and testify before the Grand Jury of the United States District Court at the place, date, and time specified below.

<p>PLACE</p> <p>United States District Court for the District of Columbia United States Courthouse Third & Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20002</p>	<p>COURTROOM</p> <p>Grand Jury 91-3 Third Floor</p> <hr/> <p>DATE AND TIME</p> <p>Thursday, April 29, 1993 9:00 a.m.</p>
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YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):*

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<p>U.S. MAGISTRATE OR CLERK OF COURT</p> <p>Nancy M. Meyer-Whitney, Clerk</p> <p>(BY) DEPUTY CLERK</p> <p><i>Margaret M. Apier</i></p>	<p>DATE</p> <p>April 21, 1993</p>
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This subpoena is issued upon the authority of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

WENDY L. WYSONG, AUSA (202) 514-9832
Public Corruption/Government Fraud Section
555 Fourth Street, N.W., Fifth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

RETURN OF SERVICE (1)

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DECLARATION OF SERVER (2)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information contained in the Return of Service and Statement of Service Fees is true and correct.

Executed on _____
Date Signature of Server

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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United States District Court
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Third & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

COURTROOM

Grand Jury 91-3
Third Floor

DATE AND TIME

Friday, April 30, 1993
at 9:00 a.m.

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YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):*

See Attachment.

Compliance can be made by providing the requested materials to AUSA Wendy L. Wysong by date specified above.

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U.S. MAGISTRATE OR CLERK OF COURT

Nancy M. Miller-Whitman, Clerk
(BY) DEPUTY CLERK

DATE

April 16, 1993

This subpoena is issued upon application
of the United States Attorney

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WENDY L. WYSONG, AUSA (202) 514-9832
Public Corruption/Government Fraud Section
555 Fourth Street, N.W., Fifth Floor
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Date 4/21/93

PMB/mel
 TO : SAC, CHICAGO
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9)
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
 OO:WF

Re: WMFO telecalls and facsimile transmissions of
 4/16/93 and 4/21/93 from SA [redacted] to
 SA [redacted]

Enclosed for the Chicago Division are the originals
 of two Federal Grand Jury subpoenas and their related
 attachments. These subpoenas were also sent to Chicago in the
 referenced facsimile transmissions.

LEADCHICAGO FIELD DIVISIONAT LINCOLNWOOD, ILLINOIS

Serve the enclosed subpoena on [redacted]
 [redacted]

AT WILMETTE, ILLINOIS

Serve the enclosed subpoena, with non-disclosure
 letter and attachments, on [redacted]
 [redacted]

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U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

District of Columbia

Judiciary Center
555 Fourth St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Along with this letter, you are being served with a Federal Grand Jury subpoena calling for all [redacted]

This subpoena has been issued by a Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia in furtherance of an official criminal investigation being conducted by the Grand Jury. In view of the continuing nature of the investigation, you are hereby requested not to disclose this matter for a period of ninety (90) days. By our computation that means that no disclosure should occur before July 16, 1993.

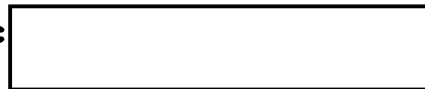
To avoid inadvertent disclosure, please notify the undersigned before sending out any disclosure notice, so that the request for non-disclosure may be renewed, if that is necessary, before notice is sent out.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

J. RAMSEY JOHNSON
United States Attorney

By:



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Assistant United States Attorney
(202) 514-9832

Enclosure

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United States District Court
for the District of Columbia
United States Courthouse
Third & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

COURTROOM

Grand Jury 91-3
Third Floor

DATE AND TIME

Thursday, May 20, 1993
at 1:00 p.m.

YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):*

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U.S. MAGISTRATE or CLERK OF COURT

Nancy M. Meyer-Whitman, Clerk
(BY) DEPUTY CLERK

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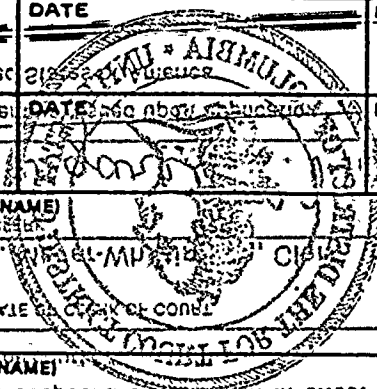
April 30, 1993

This subpoena is issued upon application
of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

LARRY R. PARKINSON, AUSA (202) 514-9620
Public Corruption/Government Fraud Section
555 Fourth Street, N.W., Fifth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

RETURN OF SERVICE (1)

RECEIVED BY SERVER	DATE	PLACE	222 EOWEN STREET N.W. Fifth Floor Public Corruption (Government) Bureau Section CIVIL & CRIMINAL DIVISION (SAS) RM-250
	DATE	PLACE	NAME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY
SERVED			
SERVED ON (PRINT NAME) (SA) DENIA C. [illegible] MARY M. [illegible] Clerk U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF COMMERCE			MAY 30 1993 DATE
SERVED BY (PRINT NAME)		TITLE	
This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are		subjected to arrest by the court or by an official acting on	

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):

Washington, D.C. 50001 Third & Constitution Avenue, N.W. United States Courthouse for the District of Columbia United States District Court	at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 1993 DATE AND TIME Third Floor Grand Jury AT-3 COURTROOM
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the place, date, and time specified below:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and testify before the Grand Jury of the United States District Court at

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Date 5/3/93

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA
FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9)
SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
OO:WF

Re: WMFO telecall of 5/3/93 from SA [redacted]
[redacted] to SA [redacted] of the State
College Resident Agency

Enclosed for the Philadelphia Field Division are the original and two copies of a Federal Grand Jury subpoena pertaining to referenced matter.

LEADPHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISIONAT STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Serve enclosed subpoena on [redacted]
[redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 3/31/93

[redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed at the offices of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Present at this interview, in addition to [redacted] attorney, [redacted] were Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted]. After being advised of the identities of those present and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he has been [redacted] which he described as being essentially the same as a [redacted] [redacted] since the year 1969, and that he has maintained a [redacted] in addition to [redacted] also since that year.

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[redacted] was made [redacted] the year 1971, at which time he [redacted]
[redacted]

In 1983 [redacted] was made the [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

In 1988, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] It was in the year 1991 that the City changed its procedures for the payment of expenses incurred by City officials to a voucher system. Subsequent to that date, all expenses must be submitted to the city and monies are disbursed from established budget amounts.

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After being shown a diagram representing the offices at 2148 and 2150 N. Damen, [redacted] stated that the office building at 2150 Damen was not always configured as it currently is. A portion of the rear of the 2150 building was added some years

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 3/31/93

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prior, although [REDACTED] could not recall exactly when this construction occurred. Representative DAN ROSTENKOWSKI moved into this newly created space, which was located at the rear of the building, in the early 1970's. Approximately in the year

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

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back in the year 1969 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

subsequently, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In 1969 there were about 50 viable Ward organizations in the city. By viable, [REDACTED] explained that the Ward could completely man all of the polls in an election of any type, and that they could effectively canvass the Ward on political initiatives and to campaign for endorsed Democratic candidates, either local or national.

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[REDACTED] estimates that today there are about five viable Ward organizations in existence in Chicago, among them the 32nd, the 11th, the 19th and the 14th Ward. The main reason for the demise of the effective political Ward was that it was extremely difficult to staff a Ward with the sufficient number of unpaid volunteers which are necessary to perform the various tasks. Additionally, the 32nd Ward was redistricted in 1981, 1983, 1986 and one year after the national census in 1991. This also contributed to fragment the 32nd as well as other Wards in the city.

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED], On 3/30/93, Page 3

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Before the year 1988, it was ROSTENKOWSKI who had been in the position of Ward Committeeman for the previous 30 years. This is a party position that is elected every four years. The duties of this position are to sit in council with the other Ward Committeemen of the city, and periodically to meet with the Committeemen of those Wards that are outside the city. Other duties include the responsibility of insuring that elections are run properly and fairly, and to name the various election judges that are required.

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[REDACTED] stated that the 32nd Ward will have between 66 and 48 Precincts, depending on a possible Chicago mandate to increase the size on the various precincts to cut election costs and other expenses. Once per year, the 32nd Ward will hold a fund raiser to collect money to offset annual expenses. Normally this fund raiser will collect about \$50,000. About 5 or 6 years ago, about \$45,000 would have been collected.

[REDACTED]

1969, although ROSTENKOWSKI was Committeeman, it was NEGA who actually ran the day-to-day operations of the 32nd Ward party organization. Most of the work which was done by the Ward organization was done at night because the people performing the work were employed full time during the day. In December of 1986, when NEGA died, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that he probably had a [REDACTED] about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that this particular subject did not matter much to him, although when questioned further, [REDACTED] admitted that he believed that ROSTENKOWSKI owned the building. [REDACTED] stated that very

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[REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] was remitted on a monthly basis with few exceptions when it was paid two

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[redacted] stated that it is extremely difficult for him, in his positions as [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised that the [redacted]
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[redacted] These amounts were paid by [redacted] by check directly to [redacted] until 1991 when the city changed to the new voucher system. Now separate budgets are maintained and these expenses are vouchered through the city and the accounting office remits these [redacted]

In mid-1991, [redacted] and was out of the office for a period of about five months. At this same time, the [redacted]

[redacted] and due to his being away, he did not realize this until some time later. [redacted] stated that he [redacted]
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It was this same year that [redacted] made the decision to [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] further advised that, in reality, there is only one [redacted]
[redacted]

Additionally, when the city switched to this voucher system, they informed [redacted] that they would not remit [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

file. It was at this time and for this reason that [redacted]
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[redacted]

[redacted] was informed that a review of his financial records for the year 1991 reveal that he was [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] during the year 1991. [redacted] advised that this was correct, and that [redacted] told him at the end of that year that he should not worry about [redacted]
[redacted] stated that he assumed that this decision was not hers and that it came from somewhere else, but that he has no idea who made that [redacted] also advised that he could not recall [redacted]
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When Rostenkowski's Federal staff moved out of the office, they took all of the office furniture with them.
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[redacted]

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advised that most of the work is done on Monday and Thursday evenings. The two employees that work for [REDACTED] during the day at the current time are [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also does part-time work for [REDACTED] and is paid about [REDACTED] per year for her services of performing general clerical work and report filing.

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[REDACTED] advised that he has no actual involvement with either the ROSTENKOWSKI FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE (RFCC) or ROSTENKOWSKI's Political Action Committee (PAC) the AMERICAN LEADER'S FUND (ALF). [REDACTED] recalled that ALF contributed \$10,000.00 to his CFTG in the year 1987 but stated that he could not recall a contribution from ALF to CFTG in the year 1991.

[REDACTED] stated that he has personally done [REDACTED] ROSTENKOWSKI and that the 32nd Ward Democratic Political Organization consistently and wholeheartedly supported all of ROSTENKOWSKI's campaigns.

[REDACTED] advised that during local campaigns, it was advantageous to [REDACTED] the 32nd Ward to lead with ROSTENKOWSKI's name when soliciting door-to-door for support due to the fact that ROSTENKOWSKI's name was so well known and because he was such a popular politician. This work was performed by the Ward precinct volunteers and coordinated by the precinct captains. Currently, not all of the Wards have captains, but in the year 1990, [REDACTED] recalled that all of the Wards did have captains.

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During the year 1987, [REDACTED] advised that there was a lot of activity for ROSTENKOWSKI's campaign and that work started around Thanksgiving by the 32nd Ward Organization. Signatures were solicited and between 8000 and 9000 names were collected to nominate ROSTENKOWSKI for re-election. The campaign for ROSTENKOWSKI changed at this time because ROSTENKOWSKI was no longer Democratic Party Committeeman. Additionally, the strength of the campaign for ROSTENKOWSKI would depend on the viability of the candidate he faced. [REDACTED] recalled that in 1986, ROSTENKOWSKI faced a strong opponent, but in the years 1988 and 1990 there was less serious opposition.

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[REDACTED] advised that in January of every year there would be a general election and there would be campaign mailings which would be sent out 30 days before that. Also, in October of the preceding year, there would be a voter registration drive for the election which would follow in November. 32nd Ward

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Continuation of FD-302 of [REDACTED]

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volunteers would man the voter registration areas and collect names and addresses of those who registered. Campaign literature would then be mailed to these people. [REDACTED] stated that some years the total number of letters sent out numbered as high as 3800, but usually the number was between 2000 and 2500. [REDACTED] stated the stamps for these mailings would come from ALF.

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[REDACTED] advised that one of NEGA's job responsibilities was that of election coordinator. [REDACTED]

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In one [REDACTED]

When [REDACTED] he stated that there sometimes as many as [REDACTED] in the file [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had knowledge of. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he has [REDACTED]

from NEGA. [REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED]

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petitions. [REDACTED] advised that sometimes [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled that on the date of November 5, 1992, when Agents came to the offices [REDACTED] to serve subpoenas and conduct interviews, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] about 1:00 in the afternoon and was told that the Agents had come to the office and were still present, [REDACTED] At about 8:00 in the evening of that same day, Agents came to his home and gave him a subpoena. [REDACTED] stated that this was the first knowledge that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] informed him that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had talked to the Agents. [REDACTED] did not speak to ROSTENKOWSKI on that day but he did speak to him on the next day. [REDACTED] recalled that they spoke of it being difficult to serve the public over a period of decades and then in one moment your reputation could be gone.

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United States District Court

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SUBPOENA FOR:

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PLACE United States District Court for the District of Columbia United States Courthouse Third & Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001	COURTROOM Grand Jury 91-3 Third Floor DATE AND TIME <i>April 1</i> Thursday, March 25, 1993 at 2:00 p.m.
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YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with you the following document(s) or object(s):* *1:00 sm*

"PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED"

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U.S. MAGISTRATE OR CLERK OF COURT

Nancy M. Miller-Whitman, Clerk
(BY) DEPUTY CLERK

DATE

March 5, 1993

This subpoena is issued upon application
of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY
 LARRY R. PARKINSON, AUSA (202) 514-9620
 Public Corruption/Government Fraud Section
 555 Fourth Street, N.W., Fifth Floor
 Washington, D.C. 20001

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Date 04/06/93

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (58C-WF-180673-4) (RUC)

SUBJECT : PLATEBLOCK;
OO: WMFO

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Enclosed for Baltimore is executed copy FGJ
subpoena for [REDACTED] which was served on 3/26/93.

This case being placed in RUC status.

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Date 4/7/93

TO : SAC, CHICAGO
 FROM : SAC, WMFO (58C-WF-180673) (P) (C-9)
 SUBJECT : PLATE BLOCK
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Re: Conference call 4/6/93 of AUSA [redacted] and
 SA [redacted] to SA [redacted]
 and WMFO telecall and facsimile transmission of
 4/7/93 from SA [redacted] to SA [redacted]

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Enclosed for the Chicago Field Division are the
 original of a Federal Grand Jury Subpoena and its attachments
 as well as numerous documents obtained previously from [redacted]
 [redacted] Copies of this subpoena
 and this documentation were also provided to Chicago in
 referenced facsimile transmission.

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In referenced conference call, details were
 provided to Chicago regarding the recontact of [redacted]
 [redacted] in an effort obtain additional
 information regarding [redacted]

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[redacted] The enclosed
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 [redacted] are provided to
 Chicago in the way of background and to facilitate this re-
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Chicago, Illinois:

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On four separate occasions, from 4/8/93 through
4/22/93, SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted] the

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[redacted] provided SA [redacted] with information and

The documents provided by [redacted] included [redacted]

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The above documents were thoroughly reviewed by SA
[redacted] with [redacted] assistance, and attached are computerized
records which were created by SA [redacted] on 4/23/93, and
accurately reflect the [redacted]
Attached are three copies of the computerized records mentioned
above, [redacted] for the purpose
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On March 30, 1993, Photographer [redacted] took aerial photos of 1347-49 N. Noble Avenue, Chicago, Illinois and 2148-50 N. Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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a Mamiya 645 medium format camera, along with a 210 mm lens was utilized. One roll of ISO color film and one roll of ISO black and white film was taken.

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